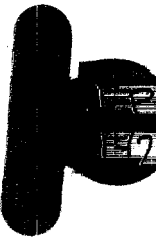


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Project Initiation MemorandumDate: **4 August 1960**To: **D/LA**

From: Publication Division, Projects Planning

Subject: **Two Brazilian organizations: Partido de Representacao Popular
Uniao Cultural Brasil-Estados Unidos**Statement of Project: **25X1A**Origin: **Internal** [REDACTED]Problem: **To furnish information on two subject organizations**Scope: **re Partido de Representacao Popular -- its political orientation
and general platform****re Uniao Cultural Brasil-Estados Unidos of Sao Paulo, Brazil --
names of Brazilians participating**Graphics (if any):Form: **Memorandum**Draft due in D/Pub: **When convenient**Responsible Division: **D/LA**Dissemination deadline
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FINANCES OF HO CHI MINH

Internal financing of the Ho Chi Minh Government is provided largely by taxation of its de facto subjects. Gold and hard currency resources derive principally from the following:¹

1. "Protection money" demanded of plantation-owners and others in areas under nominal French control. The bulk of these funds are probably collected in Bank of Indochina piasters.
2. Precious metals, foreign currency, and jewelry collected from persons under Viet Minh control.
3. Smuggling, principally to Thailand, of local products (rice, rubber, dried shrimp, etc.) as well as products of European origin.
4. Illegal importation of gold and foreign currencies from France by seamen and others for transfer to the Viet Minh.
5. The surrender of Bank of Indochina piasters by merchants and others under Viet Minh control in exchange for Viet Minh currency.

Bank of Indochina piasters can be exchanged for foreign currencies in black markets of Saigon and elsewhere. By taking advantage, however, of the relatively free transfer permitted from piasters to francs and from francs to a hard currency, much greater returns can be obtained.

No information on Viet Minh finances in quantitative terms is available, nor is any available on the extent of barter operations.

1 The most recent information on this subject is contained in

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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/Pub, ORE

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SUBJECT : Information on two Brazilian Organizations

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1. It is requested that you supply this office with information on the political party: Partido de Representacao Popular, as to what its political orientation and general platform are.

2. It is also requested that this office be informed of the names of Brazilians participating in the organization: Uniao Cultural Brazil-Estados Unidos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, which deals in cultural rapprochement between the United States and Brazil.

3. Any questions pertinent to this request may be referred to [REDACTED] of this office on Ext. 3264.

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Partido de Representação Popular and Uniao Cultural Brasil-Estados Unidos de São Paulo

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Re: Your LP-147, [REDACTED]

There follows information on the two Brazilian organizations.

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Partido Representação Popular For complete information on this political suggest requestor obtain [REDACTED] which obtainable from CIA Library.

Uniao Cultural Brasil-Estados Unidos de São Paulo is not an official government sponsored - either US or Brazilian - organization. It works closely with the US Consulate General in São Paulo and its members are close to the USLE in the Consulate. It is non-political and enjoys cooperation also from other officials. We do not have the names of Brazilians who participate only in the organization, however. Suggest [REDACTED] be queried

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